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Dear Examiner LeFlore:

Thank you for agreeing to hold a telephone interview on Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. EDT to discuss the above captioned patent application (now on final rejection).

I would like to discuss dependent Claim 32, which includes the feature of "a first, second and third member pivotally coupled to the plate main unit on the pivot axis, the first, second and third members each having a respective input switch" (from base Claim 30) "wherein when not in use, the finger support section and first, second and third members fold flat against the plate main unit." (Claim 32).

The cited art (Jondrow) shows a "stowage compartment 38 into which the handle 30 may be inserted and stowed with not in use."

My question about Claim 32 is "Is folding flat the same as being inserted into a compartment?"

Also, with regards to Claim 30, Jondrow shows two members (keycaps 138 and 142) having input switches that are pivotally attached. Are two members the same as three members? (Note that keyboard 48 is not pivotally attached.)

Thanks again for your assistance. I look forward to our telephone meeting next week.

Best regards,

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